GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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OVERSTAYING OF FOREIGNERS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the overstaying of foreign tourists more than their visa time and sometimes trying to settle down in India;

(b) if so, the details of persons of different countries caught and detained for such illegal prolonged stay in the country during each of the last three years, nationality-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check those who are on hide in or living without valid visa permit in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(c): As the powers under the Foreigners Act, 1946 to identify, detect and deport foreign nationals residing in the country beyond the validity of visa have been delegated to the State Governments/UT Administrations, such data is not Centrally maintained. The Government is, however, aware of the problem of foreign nationals residing in the country beyond the validity of their visas. The State Governments regularly monitor the overstayal of foreigners after expiry of their visa. Detection and deportation of foreigners overstaying in the country is an ongoing process.